

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

MELINDA CHARLES,<sup>1</sup>

Respondent Below,  
Appellant,

v.

JENNIFER CHARLES,

Petitioner Below,  
Appellee.

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§ No. 118, 2021

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§ Court Below—Family Court  
§ of the State of Delaware

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§ File No. CK19-02388

§ Petition No. 19-022339

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§ In the interest of:

§ Amanda Charles

Submitted: September 24, 2021

Decided: December 3, 2021

Before **VAUGHN, TRAYNOR**, and **MONTGOMERY-REEVES**, Justices.

**ORDER**

After careful consideration of the appellant’s brief and the record on appeal, we find it evident that the judgment below should be affirmed on the basis of and for the reasons assigned by the Family Court in its thoughtful April 1, 2021 decision granting the appellee’s petition for guardianship. The Family Court correctly applied the law applicable to guardianship petitions. Moreover, the court’s findings that the child’s mother “is not able to meet [the child’s] emotional and mental health

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<sup>1</sup> The Court previously assigned pseudonyms to the parties pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 7(d).

needs or consistently protect her”<sup>2</sup> and that placing the child under her stepmother’s guardianship is in the child’s best interests are amply supported by the record.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the judgment of the Family Court is AFFIRMED.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Gary F. Traynor  
Justice

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<sup>2</sup> *J.C. v. M.C.*, Petition No. 19-022339, slip. op. at 20 (Del. Fam. Ct. Apr. 1, 2021).